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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ph.D. Political Science   2022 (expected)

    Fields: International Relations, Political Methodology
    Committee: Matthew S. Winters (chair), Xinyuan Dai, Robert Pahre, Robert Carroll

Eastern Illinois University, M.A. Political Science   2016

Greenville University, B.A. History & Political Science, Philosophy (*Summa Cum Laude*, with honors)   2015

RESEARCH

Working Papers and Works-in-Progress

"Targeting Civil War: Intra-state Conflict and the Opportunity-cost of Foreign Aid." (Revise and Resubmit).

"Competition and Deference in the Political Economy of Foreign Aid: How Donor Interests and Recipient Need Shape Strategic Reactions in Aid Allocation."

"Xinhua Coverage of Chinese Foreign Aid Allocations." With Lucie Lu

"Leveraging the Black Box: Regression Adjustment via Random Forests."

Journal Articles

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "Gender in the Pulpit: Differences in Speaking Style for Men and Women." *Journal of Communication and Religion* 42(1): 63-82.

Burge, Ryan and Miles D. Williams. 2019. "The Use of Social Media by Religious Leaders: Evangelical Leaders and Twitter." *Journal of Religion, Media and Digital Culture* 8(3): 309-39.

Book Chapters

Williams, Miles D. and Matthew S. Winters. "The World Bank." Forthcoming in *Handbook of International Organizations: Theories, Concepts, and Empirical Insights*. Eds. Katja Freistein, Julia Leininger, and Silke Weinlich.

Ashley, Jeffrey and Miles Williams. 2018. "Illinois 10th Congressional District: Re-rematch in Chicago Suburbs." In *The Roads to Congress 2016*. Eds. S. Foreman and M. Godwin.

Technical Guides

"Reporting Statistical Results in Text and in Graphs." With Ryan T. Moore and Russell Burnett.

Blogging

I occasionally have contributed to Religion in Public. Select posts include:

"White, Conservative, Religious…and Aid Skeptical
"Do Women Preach Differently than Men?"
"Welcom the Stranger? Evangelicals' Views on Immigration Prior to Donald Trump"
"Evangelical Leaders Are as Negative on Immigration and Islam as Donald Trump

R Packages

`RFA` - Implements random forest adjustment (RFA). RFA is a method for partialing out the influence of confounding covariates via random forests.

`seerrr` - Tools that simplify the process of doing computational power analysis.

`SARM` - For estimating a modified version of the Strategic Autoregressive Model developed by Steinwand (2011).

`oesr` (available soon, with Ryan T. Moore) - For visualizing the results from randomized controlled trials using the Office of Evluation Sciences' recommended style guide.

TEACHING

Intro to International Relations, Independent Instructor (online)	2021
Intro to Political Science, Teaching Assistant	2017

UIUC Math Camp

Probability in R	2018-2020
Integrals	2020
Linear Regression	2021
GitHub and Version Control	2021

PROFESSIONAL

U.S. Office of Evaluations Sciences, Associate Fellow

Methods Specialist	2020-present

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Research Assistant

Cara Wong	2020-present
Matthew S. Winters	2018-2020

Eastern Illinois University

Research Assistant for Jeffrey Ashley	2016
Presidential Graduate Assistant	2015-2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

William Bernhard Award for Best Dissertation Prospectus	2021
Rita and Leonard Ogren Award for Academic Excellence	2018

Eastern Illinois University

Robert and Kathryn Augustine Distinguished Master's Thesis Award	2018
Williams Travel Grant	2016

SERVICE

International Relations Graduate Workshop, Coordinator   2020-2021

Graduate Methods Committee

Member	2019-2021
Chair	2020

UIUC Political Science Graduate Student Association, Board Member   2019-2020